Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) Two aminadars and twelve peons.

(b) Do.

(c) The whole staff generally, but sometimes only one aminadar and six peons.

(d) Cranganur has not been contributing anything towards the pay of the Superintendent, his staff and the Inspector.

(e) From 1097.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this to compensate the loss for the Government in not receiving anything from Cranganur for the Superintendent's pay? Is it as a matter of compensation that they are asked to work outside Cranganur?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—Not as a compensation.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.— What portion of the pay of the Superintendent has to be derived from Cranganur?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—I want notice.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know when all these officers are to work in Cranganur alone how is it that the Government make up the loss? It is said that, because the Superintendent does not receive any part of his pay from Cranganur, these people who are to work in Cranganur are asked to work in Cochin.

Mr. C. V. Antony.—It is not given as a reason. We have stated facts, that is all.

645. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state (a) what is the sanctioned establishment of the Excise Department for Cranganur and (b) whether any of this staff was working outside Cranganur during any period in the last three years; and if so, from where is their pay for the period drawn?

Mr. C. V. Antony.—(a) Vide answer to question No. 644 (a).

(b) Yes.

(c) From the Cranganur Treasury.

Transport of teak toplings.

646. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House the file relating to Dis. No. 731/D/1101 of the Southern Divisional Forest Office and to state what are the final orders in the matter of the transit of teak toplings referred to therein;

(b) what was the explanation of the Plantation Ranger in this matter and what is the report of the Tanadar?

Mr. K. Govinda Menon.—(a) & (b). Government do not consider it necessary to place the Dis. file referred to on the

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Table. Copies of the report of the Tanadar, explanation of the Plantation Ranger and the final orders of th e Divisional Forest Officer, Southern Division, in the matter are placed on the Council Table.

Repair of the Pazhanji-Akkikavu Road.

647. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government against the contractor for the default on his part to repair the Pazhanji-Akkikavu road;

(b) on what date the contract was given to him and on what date the Government came to know of the default of the contractor;

(c) what is the arrangement now made for completing the work and when was it made;

(d) who is the present contractor, if there is any;

(e) what steps have been taken by the Government to expedite the completion of the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The contract was cancelled.

(b) The agreement was executed by the contractor on the 7th Meenam 1103.

On receipt of the Chief Engineer's letter C. No. 4009/1103 dated 1st November 1928.

(c) After the contract was cancelled, fresh tenders were called for by the Chief Engineer and, as a result, the work is entrusted to Mr. V. Kunjunni Menon for completing the unfinished portion.

(d) Mr. V. Kunjunni Menon.

(e) Steps mentioned in sub-division (c).

Liquor shops in Pazhanji and Kattakampal villages.

648. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) how many liquor shops there are in the Pazhanji and Kattakampal villages;

(b) what is the distance between each of them;

(c) what is the distance from each of the two Primary Schools to the toddy shops nearest to them in the Pazhanji village;

(d) what is the distance from the toddy shop in Pazhanji village to the nearest Syrian Church;

(e) whether from the beginning of next year the liquor shop referred to above will be located far away from the church and school?

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